



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0019

**Title:** Revise livestock special deputy fund laws

**Primary Sponsor:** Ripley, Rick

**Status:** As Introduced

- ☒ Significant Local Gov Impact
 ☐ Needs to be included in HB 2
 ☐ Technical Concerns  
☐ Included in the Executive Budget
 ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
 ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 19 allows livestock and cattle protective districts to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the imposition of a per capita fee on cattle which are 9 months or older in an amount not to exceed \$1 per head. The assessment could be applied on cattle reported on February 1 each year in accordance with 15-24-903, MCA. The fee would be collected and deposited in the county treasury of one of the counties of the district selected by the cattle protective committee in a special fund known as the livestock special deputy fund.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. It is assumed that all revenues would be collected, deposited, and utilized by counties.
2. There would be no revenues collected or utilized by the Montana Department of Livestock.

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. Currently, only one county in Montana has elected to establish a special deputy fund. Any county that wished to establish a separate deputy fund would have to hold an election in accordance with the statute.
2. The Department of Revenue would have the head count each year on cattle which are 9 months or older as reported on February 1 of each year in each county.
3. Based on 2014 data, the reported head count on such cattle was 1,801,531 head in all counties of the state.
4. The counties and local governments could receive up to \$1,801,531 based on February 1, 2014 numbers and an assessment of \$1 per head if assessments were made on all eligible cattle.

  
Sponsor's Initials

1-5-15  
Date

  
Budget Director's Initials

12/18/14  
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